

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 147
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John and Jennifer Smith upon their receipt of the National Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as agricultural leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such noteworthy individuals are John and Jennifer Smith, who were recently honored with the 2003 American Farm Bureau Federation's National Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, John and Jennifer Smith were also recognized for their remarkable dedication to excellence in farming as they received with the 2002 Tennessee Farm Bureau Young Farmer Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, the Smiths have a diversified grain and tobacco crop and registered Angus herd; they farm 2,000 acres, including 1,800 acres of row crops, and produce 750 acres of corn, 650 acres of wheat and 750 acres of soybeans; and

WHEREAS, John and Jennifer Smith produce 56 acres of burley tobacco, 14 acres of dark tobacco and 45 acres of Bermuda grass hay; and

WHEREAS, owners of 150 registered Angus cattle, the Smiths operate an extensive embryo program through which they have developed a superior performance-tested bull-marketing program; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their work on their farm, John and Jennifer Smith still find time to lend their remarkable talents to the valuable causes of the larger farming community; and

WHEREAS, growing up, both John and Jennifer Smith were active in 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA); John served as the FFA Chapter President and competed in the National FFA Extemporaneous Speech Contest, and Jennifer received the State 4-H Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, John Smith currently serves on the Henry County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, on the Farm Credit Advisory Board and as a volunteer 4-H Leader for the Henry County Agriculture Extension Service; he has also served as the President of the Henry County Young Farmers, as the President of the District I Young Farmers and as a Member of the Tennessee Young Farmer and Rancher State Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Smith serves as Chairperson of Agriculture in the Classroom for Henry County, as a Member of the Tennessee Agriculture in the Classroom Advisory Council, as a Member of the Henry County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, as the Reporter for the Tennessee Young Farmer and Rancher State Committee and as a volunteer 4-H Leader for the Henry County Agriculture Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, John and Jennifer Smith epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John and Jennifer Smith for their dedication to excellence in farming; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate John and Jennifer Smith upon their receipt of the 2003 American Farm Bureau Federation's National Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.